

issued to export/trading/star trading houses and public sector undertakings. All manufacturing units having an annual turnover of at least Rs. 5 crores during the previous three years would also be able to avail such advance licence facility against legal undertaking up to a value limit of 50% of the annual production.

- (v) The net foreign exchange earned by EOU's and EPZs can be clubbed with earnings of the parent or associated companies for the purpose of according export house/trading house/star trading house status for the latter.
- (vi) Established exporters will be allowed to open foreign currency accounts in approved banks and allow the exporters to raise external credits to pay for export related items.

In addition to the above, the following steps have also been taken:—

- (i) The minimum percentage of value addition for export of computer hardware has been reduced to 15 per cent. This has been done to boost export to hard currency area.
- (ii) The units are allowed to expand their capacities and broaden their products so as to achieve economics of scale at the international level and

optimal use of capital equipment installed.

Prices of Pure Ghee

3796. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of pure ghee is touching the sky;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to import the Butter Oil from the U.S.A. to reduce the prices of the ghee;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, other effective steps proposed to be taken to ease the availability of the ghee in the market at reduced prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) A statement showing the month-end retail prices of Ghee at selected centres as on August '90 and July '91 is attached.

(b) and (c) There are no such proposals at present.

(d) The prices of Ghee depend upon its demand and supply position and also on the availability of liquid milk. However no survey has been conducted to assess the availability position of Ghee. It is likely that the position of availability of Ghee will improve with the onset of flush season.

STATEMENT

Month-end Retail Prices of Ghee

<i>Centres</i>	<i>(Rs. per kg.)</i>	
	<i>August, 90 (31-8-90)</i>	<i>July, 91 (26-7-91)</i>
Hyderabad	68.00	80.00
Bangalore	75.00	76.00
Nagpur	80.00	84.00
Madras	80.00	93.00
Kanpur	67.00	84.00
Delhi	62.00	85.00

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture.